(vi) Enhanced back-up guarantee to ECGC to cover for exports to difficult markets/ products.

(vii) Refund of Service Tax on foreign agent commissions of upto 10% of FOB value of exports as well as refund of service tax on output service while availing benefits under Duty Drawback Scheme.

(viii) Credit targets of Public Sector Banks are being revised upward to reflect the needs of the economy.

(ix) State Level Bankers Committee would be holding meetings for resolution of Credit issues of MSMEs.

(x) Guarantee cover under Credit Guarantee Scheme doubled to Rs. 1 crore with cover of 50%.

(xi) DEPB rates have been restored to pre November, 2008 levels and extended till 31.12.2009.

(xii) Duty Drawback on knitted fabrics has been enhanced retrospectively from 1.9.2008.

Sops given to textile industries

998. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the sops given to textile industries in each State; and

(b) the beneficiaries under SC/ST in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) The Government has not given any State-wise/caste-wise sops for the textile industry.

Increasing MSP for cotton

999. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has increased the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the cotton this year;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the quantum of cotton procured so far this year;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the steep increase in MSP did not take into account the global downturn, thus creating perpetual problems for the textile industry and the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) as the prices are not likely to firm up soon; and

(d) how does Government proposes to resolve this problem?